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Dear Friends,

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Well, this letter was originally dated November 28, but I had to go to the emergency room because of problems with my leg and I was **admitted to the hospital for a cellulitis infection** (the fourth time in the same part of my leg). I was released after three days of IV antibiotics, but my leg is still swollen, and my foot has open wounds. After much prayer and consultation with my doctor, my wife, Pastor Aris, and the person who donated my airfare, I decided it was **best to cancel my trip** to the Philippines. **Lord willing, we will re-schedule it for February.** I resisted this as long as I could, but it would not have been expedient, or fair to others involved, if I proceeded with the trip and then had complications while I was overseas. **I thank God** that I am able to go to the VA and receive whatever medical care I need. **I pray** that they would have the staff and resources needed to care for us vets.

Many blessings still came out of the trip. The folks at Smoot Baptist Church and Sewell Valley Baptist Church generously added to the donations already given. I was able to send \$1,400 to buy Christmas gifts for 250 children in the main church and 100 children in the satellite church. We gave \$500 for medical expenses of Sister Connie, and we are **proud to report the birth of future Pastor Azaiah Joshua Alfonso.** It is a good thing that we helped him be born in the hospital because he had severe complications during his birth. He and his mom are doing great now. I will be sending \$300 of my expense money to Brother Aris so that a 25# bag of rice can be given to each of 30 families in his church at Christmas. **I am so grateful** that enough money was given for me buy a new laptop. **We thank God** that the folks at Sewell Valley Baptist Church and their children in Jr. Church also gave more than \$500 for Brother Aris to use in feeding the children in Philippines. Besides everything connected to my trip, we are **thankful** that \$200 was donated this month to the Joshua Tuck Memorial Scholarship Fund. We only need another \$250 to fund next semester. **Please continue to pray** for my health to be restored and for the ministry in Philippines.

Smoot Baptist Church - beautiful - Smoot, WV



Baby Azaiah Joshua



Proud Alfonso Family



Please continue to pray for Pastor Joseph Nanneti, our ministry in India, and that I would be able to get a visa to visit there again. I need to go there in person for our ministry there to grow further. **Please also pray for Israel and Ukraine.** I believe both are doing God's will, against all odds. **We thank God** that \$3,345 in humanitarian aid was sent to Ukraine this month. We were able this month, and will probably be able in the near future, to continue sending \$3,000/month to Salvation Church to support the team of workers there who are being such a blessing to refugees from the war. Our friend, who had been giving a miraculous amount of donations to Ukraine, completed her pledge last month so we were only able to send \$345 this month to the other two churches we were helping to do humanitarian relief. **Please pray that the Lord will raise up new donors to help Ukraine.** Ukrainians are more determined than ever to stick in there to the end, but they need help. They have too much blood and suffering invested to quit now. **May God comfort, protect, guide, provide for, and have mercy on the people of Ukraine.**

Before going to the hospital, my wife and I had a wonderful celebration of the Thanksgiving Day holiday. We spent precious time with family and ate way, way, way too much. I hope that all of you did the same (except maybe the eating too much part). **My wife and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and an incredibly Happy New Year.** We are so **thankful** that the Lord Jesus was born into this world, manifested God to us in a form that we could easily understand, died to pay for the guilt of our sins, and was resurrected to give us hope of eternal life in Heaven. **Amen! Hallelujah! Praise God!**

Franklin Tuck Jr.

In the name of Jesus, your grateful brother,

"Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee... who passing through the valley of Baca maketh it a well." Psalm 84: 5-6

Projects	Needed	Each	Sponsor	Work
Grounds, office building, and garage				
1. Plant 10 willow trees along creek, erect 7 flag poles/flags of each country we work in, install dusk to dawn light at front of property, build wall around flag pole area for flower beds, fill flower bed with soil, install electrical supply to garage, paint outside of garage, replace garage doors, replace window in garage, replace roof on garage, update office computer, buy cordless telephone system, build new front porch on office building, paint outside of office building, build 2 bathrooms in office building, connect office building to sewer system, install drywall/electrical receptacle/shelving in office storeroom, install skirting around office building, buy new laptop for deputation, increase storage space in office, install laminate floor in office, buy new projector for deputation, buy refrigerator for office, buy microwave for office, install air conditioner/electric furnace/water heater in office, replace roof on office		Total cost= \$20,500	Yes	Done
2. Pour concrete sidewalk from driveway to front porch	2	\$300	Yes	
3. Replace windows in office	2	\$250	Yes	
4. Replace floor in office	1			
5. Change drywall in office	1	\$300	Yes	
6. Install vinyl siding on office	1			
7. Install floodlights for individual flags	7	\$50	Yes	
8. Install vinyl siding on garage	1	\$1160	Yes	Done
Chapel				
1. Finish electrical supply	1	\$300	Yes	Done
2. Finish vinyl siding	1	\$750	Yes	Done
3. Power wash siding outside and block walls inside after flood	1	1	Yes	Done
4. Install 2x4 studs to plumb upstairs walls	1	\$200	Yes	
5. Install wiring and receptacles	1	\$200	Yes	
6. Install insulation in upstairs walls	1	\$200	Yes	
7. Install light fixtures upstairs	2	\$25	Yes	
8. Install drywall on upstairs walls	1	\$350	Yes	
9. Paint upstairs walls	1	\$75	Yes	
10. Install insulation in roof	1	\$200	Yes	
11. Install ceiling tiles upstairs	1	\$300	Yes	
12. Install sub-floor upstairs	1	\$300	Yes	
13. Install flooring upstairs	1	\$400	Yes	
14. Install floor tiles upstairs	1	\$300	Yes	
15. Paint downstairs walls	1	\$75	Yes	
16. Install light fixtures downstairs	2	\$25	Yes	
17. Replace roof	1	\$7,000		
Joshua Tuck Memorial				
1. Plant "Joshua's Tree"	1	\$800	Yes	Done
2. Build stone wall	1	\$300	Yes	
3. Plant small flower garden	1	\$100	Yes	
4. Install memorial plaque	1	\$100	Yes	
5. Install bench	1	\$100	Yes	
Picnic & Entertainment Pavilion				
1. Bulldoze/Excavate area	1	\$1000	Yes	Done
2. Pour concrete in picnic & entertainment area (4 sections)	4	\$500	Yes	
3. Erect picnic shelter (3 sections)	3	\$750	Yes	
4. Build picnic tables	30	\$75	Yes	
5. Erect entertainment area	1	\$750	Yes	
Church construction- Andhra Pradesh, India				
1. Foundation and pillars, sub floor, walls, beams & roof, electric system, plumbing & water system, windows, doors, sanctuary chairs, pulpit, sound system, bathroom tile and fixtures		\$17,625	Yes	Done
2. Road	1	\$200	Yes	
3. Labor & finishing touches	1	\$2400	Yes	Done
4. Church vehicle	1	?		
5. Install baptistry	1	\$750	Yes	Done
Church construction, Pangasinan, Philippines				
1. Foundation, concrete floor, walls, beams & roof, electrical system, plumbing, water system, windows, doors, ceiling, floor tiles, soffit		Total = \$11,000	Yes	Done
2. Partition off 2 rooms (Zaldy & storage) in fellowship area	1	\$750	Yes	Done
Parsonage construction, Pangasinan, Philippines				
1. Foundation, concrete floor, walls, beams & roof, windows, doors, ceilings, paint, electrical system, plumbing, water pump, porch, garage, tiles		\$10,350	Yes	Done